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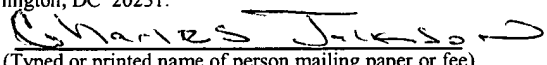
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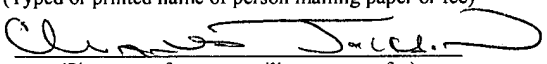
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action containing a restriction requirement mailed December 24, 2002 and setting a one-month period for reply. Applicants elect the claims of Group I, without traverse. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a three-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including April 24, 2003 is requested. Submitted herewith is a check for \$465.00, in payment of the fee required therefor by a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.